Shortage of drinking water in Orissa

5013. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified the places in Orissa which are facing acute shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, what are those places;

(c) the number of problem villages in that State as on the 31st March, 1994;

(d) whether Government have drawn up scheme to provide drinking water in the scaricity areas as well as problem villages;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the specific schemes drawn up for Keonjhargarh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the survey of 1985, there were 1000 partially covered villages in the State of Orissa as on 31-3-93. The State Government has, however, carried out a fresh survey on the status of drinking water in rural habitations.

(c) As on 31-3-1994, there was no source problem village in Orissa as per 1985 survey.

(d) and (e) Schemes in scarcity areas problem villages and partially covered villages are taken up under State Sector MNP, ARWSP and RGNDWM as also Calamity Relief fund. The State Govt. had provided Rs. 2.50 crore as scarcity works. The Central Govt. had released Rs. 23.60 crore under ARWSP in 1993-94, inclusive of Rs. 2.57 crore for drought affected areas in Koraput, Kalahandi and Bolangir districts and Rs. 2.00 crore as special assistance over and above the normal allocation.

(f) No specific schemes has been drawn up by the Central Government for Keonjhargarh as it is a town area.

Plantation programme in waste land of Orissa

5014. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to undertake plantation programme in the wastland in the State of Orissa as alternative source of energy in order to cater to the growing fuel problem in that State;

(b) if so, the schemes drawn up and fund earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the details of wasteland identified in that State for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH) : (a) and (b) Afforestation/tree planting activities on lands including wastelands are being carried out in the State of Orissa under the various Central and State Government Schemes. In order to promote a multi-species plantation these afforestation/tree planting activities include planting of fuelwood, horticulture, timber and energy species. To concentrate on one species alone would lead to mono-culture and will not meet the demand for fuelwood, fodder, fruit and food of the local people. These schemes are monitored under Point No. 16 of the 20-Point Programme. The physical and financial targets for afforestation/tree planting are fixed on year to year basis depending upon availability of funds under the Central and State Plans. The targets and achievement under the 20-Point programme of the last three years are :—

(Seedling in lakhs nos.)
(Area in hectares)

Year	TARGET		ACHIEVEMENT	
	Seedling distribution (For planting on private lands)	Area (Public lands including forest lands)	Seedling distribution (For planting on private lands)	Area (Public lands) including forest lands)
1	2	3	4	5
1991-92 . .	300	57,000	428.52	58,389.80
1992-93 . .	500	60,000	425.42	74,134.85
1993-94 . .	550	75,000	390.04	70,819.00